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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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For your information

TO STATE FARM LABOR SUPERVISORS OF FLORIDA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA NORTH CAROLINA,
VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, DELAWARE, PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT,
TENNESSEE, AND OHIO

Subject: Atlantic Coast Migratory Movement

THE SITUATION

There are no important changes since last week in the supply and demand for migratory workers in the Middle Atlantic area. New York is still in the process of building up its supply of workers to meet peak harvest demands. Some difficulty is being encountered in getting workers to go into, or stay in a few localities where efforts have so far failed to iron out misunderstandings between growers and crews in association-operated camps. Some disgruntled crews have left New York and spread rumors among crews now in New Jersey and Maryland which has resulted in several crew leaders expressing unwillingness to go to New York. During the last few days, O. W. Nealy made a hurried trip from New York to Maryland and New Jersey and was able to route a few crews into New York.

The following summary of New York's most urgent need was prepared by Seymour Vaughan as of September 10. Since this list was prepared, the requirements in Columbia County have been met.

Columbia County

100 apple pickers until end of October. 15¢ piece work. Truck work for leader hauling fruit to storage at \$10 per load. Family apartments in barrack camps at Kinderhook and Livingston. Call Craig Earl, Jr., Hudson 1316.

Genesee County

75 tomato and sweet corn pickers until end of October. 10¢ 5/8 hamper on tomatoes, \$4 per ton on sweet corn piece work. Potato work to follow. Truck work for crew leader. Family apartments in barracks camp at Bergen. Call William F. McGlynn, Bergen 57-F-5.

Erie County

100 tomato and bean pickers until October 1. 10¢ 5/8 hamper on tomatoes, 3¢ lb. on beans. Potato work to follow. Truck work for crew leader. Cabin camp at Brant. Call Charles Rath, Angola 342.

Niagara County

200 tomato, peach and apple pickers until end of October. 10¢ 5/8 hamper on tomatoes, 12-15¢ on peaches and apples. 75¢ hr. work. Family apartments in barrack camps at Appleton and Youngstown. Call Raymond Walker, Lockport 3736 or Gasport 5328 (evening) or Charles Manz, Newfane 3586.

Suffolk County

75 potato and lima bean pickers and cauliflower workers until November 1. 7¢ bu. on potatoes plus 3¢ for loading, 50¢ bu. on beans, 60¢ hr. on cauliflower. Family quarters in tents and barracks at Cutchogue Camp. Call Paul Erwin, Riverhead 2011 or Merle Stout, Peconic 6218.

In New Jersey continued rains have further delayed potato digging. The crop is reported as being about 75 percent harvested. Digging is slow, but unless stopped by further rains, will be completed in about 10 days.

In Maryland a surplus of workers is reported at the Pocomoke Camp. Bill Hillman has probably twice as many workers on hand as will be needed to harvest beans. Efforts to recruit from this surplus for New York and Virginia have met with little success. Crews seem inclined to want to stay over in the Pocomoke Camp in the hopes of picking up odd jobs until they are ready to take off for Florida.

Pennsylvania seems to be meeting its requirements as needed. Potato digging in Potter County will begin next week, and several crews now in New Jersey have indicated interest in going to Potter County.

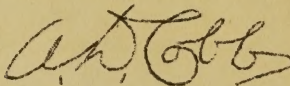
THANKS FOR THE RECORDS

The cooperation of field workers in filling out crew record slips is evidenced by the following:

THE BOX SCORE

	<u>Crew records</u>	<u>No. of workers</u>
Virginia	35	532
Maryland	17	524
Delaware	12	324
Pennsylvania	3	86
New Jersey	170	4,344
New York	54	1,801
	<u>291</u>	<u>7,611</u>

Very truly yours,



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